

HEAVY FIGHTING

English and German Fleets Engaged Off Hartlepool



THE WEATHER.

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Moon new tonight.
High tide 10:15 a. m., 10:45 p. m.

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BRITISH PORTS BOMBARDED

HARTLEPOOL, ENG., DEC. 16.—(3:12 P. M.)—(BULLETIN)—A NAVAL ENGAGEMENT IS TAKING PLACE OFF HARTLEPOOL. THE CANNONADE IS BREAKING WINDOWS WITHIN A RADIUS OF TWENTY MILES.

LONDON, DEC. 16.—(BULLETIN)—TWO GERMAN CRUISERS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SUNK IN THE NORTH SEA. THE PRESS BUREAU STATES IT HAS NO CONFIRMATION OF THIS REPORT AS YET.

MIDDLEBORO, ENGLAND, DEC. 16.—THE GERMAN BOMBARDMENT OF HARTLEPOOL LASTED FOR TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES. IT IS REPORTED NINE PERSONS WERE KILLED AND A NUMBER INJURED. THE TOWN WAS BADLY DAMAGED.

BLYTH, ENGLAND, DEC. 16.—(BULLETIN)—SEA PLANES HAVE BEEN SENT OUT TO PATROL THE NORTHUMBERLAND COAST AND GIVE WARNING OF ANY ATTEMPT TO LAND GERMAN TROOPS. (BLYTH IS TEN MILES FROM NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.)

BRITISH OFFICIAL BULLETINS OF BOMBARDMENT

The first official announcement of the bombardment was the following bulletin issued by the Admiralty shortly before noon:

“German movements of some importance are taking place in the North Sea this morning. Scarborough and Hartlepool have been shelled. Our flotillas have been engaged with the enemy at various points. The situation is developing.”

At 1:45 o'clock this afternoon the British War Office in London issued a second official statement as follows:

“The commander of the fortress at West Hartlepool reports that German warships engaged the fortress from 8 to 9 o'clock this morning. The enemy was driven off. A small German vessel opened fire on Scarborough and Whitby.”

LONDON, Dec. 16.—German cruisers, sailing 400 miles from their base at Kiel and safely traversing waters which the English Admiralty believed had been so mined as to prevent the passage of hostile ships, today bombarded three British ports on the North Sea, Scarborough, Hartlepool and Whitby. British warships were immediately dispatched to attack the Germans and a naval battle followed off the coast.

The result of this naval engagement is not yet known, but there are reports here that two German cruisers have been sunk. Many persons were killed and wounded by German shells dropping in the three coast towns and severe damage is said to have been done to all of them. Conflicting reports have been received as to the total number of casualties some saying that as many as forty persons were killed in Scarborough, Whitby and Hartlepool.

The German ships were obliged to abandon their bombardment of the coast towns when the British fleet appeared. The opposing squadrons are said to have met off Hartlepool.

A dispatch received from there late this afternoon said that the naval battle was in progress off the coast and that the firing of big guns was shattering windows within a radius of twenty miles of Hartlepool.

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GERMAN FLEET BOMBARDS TWO BRITISH PORTS

REPORT MANY KILLED AS GERMANS SHELL SCARBOROUGH

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Germany's long threatened dash against Britain became a reality today when three cities on the north shore coast were shelled by German warships.

Hartlepool, Scarborough and Whitby were bombarded early today when warships of the Kaiser's squadron, presumably from Kiel, crossed the North Sea and were soon hurling projectiles of death and destruction into those three places.

The War Office has announced that the ship's attacking Whitby have been driven off. An unofficial report from York says that the main German and British fleets are now engaged in the North Sea.

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BRITISH ENGAGE WARSHIPS OF FOE.

The first news of the German attack on North Sea coastal places came from Hartlepool in an announcement that German warships today shelled the British forts of Hartlepool and Scarborough on the North Sea. British warships were sent out to repel the invaders and a naval engagement is now taking place.

Soon afterward the Admiralty made the following announcement through the press bureau:

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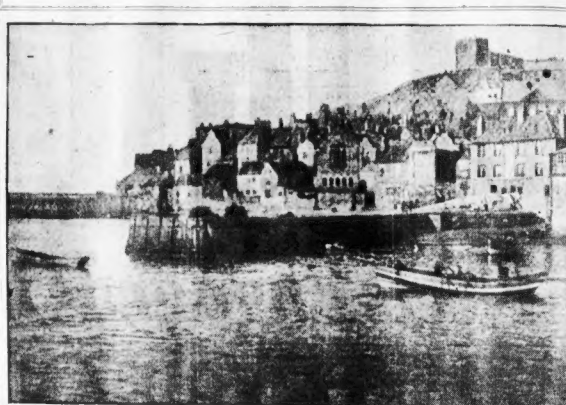
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At Whitby the German cruisers approached to within three miles of the town between 9 and 10 a. m. and bombarded the town heavily. At least one person was killed and several were wounded. A number of houses were demolished. The historic

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HARBOR FRONT OF WHITBY, BOMBARDED TODAY.



Famous English seaport fishing town which was a target in German naval raid. Whitby is a town of romantic history. It's old abbey is an object of interest to visitors from all sections of the world.

ENGLAND'S PREPARATIONS TO MEET INVASION BY GERMANY

Mail advices from London state that the greatest anxiety has been maintained regarding the movement of 150,000 troops in the east coast, recently following an unprecedented panic among the inhabitants there.

Ever since the raid on Yarmouth by eight German warships there has been a growing fear among residents of east coast towns that the Germans would come back, and possibly with an invading army.

As a result of these conjectures rumors of a German invasion strained each proportion that many men and their women folk to interior towns, while in other instances houses were closed and whole families moved to safer parts of England. It is rumored here that the military authorities believe the Germans will attempt such a raid.

The people of the east coast learned only a few hours beforehand that the troops movement was to take place. It caused great excitement. Residents of one city say that 10,000 soldiers passed through in a few days while all along the coast many more soldiers were being billeted at farms.

Several days passed and soldiers continued to pour into the east coast region. It is said that the whole line of defence from Dover to Scotland was thus strengthened.

His guns were also installed at possible points of invasion. Such active preparations looked somewhat to alleviate the panic. Every spiral of smoke appearing on the horizon for weeks past has been magnified into a German fleet, while at night all lights at sea are viewed with suspicion.

For many weeks there have been no lights in the lighthouses, and orders prohibiting fires on beaches or cliffs have been rigidly enforced. Those windows of houses or hotels facing seaward have been screened. Even the trains in that section have been equipped with green window shades all of which must be kept down at night. Notices appear in such carriages to the effect that no lights shall be displayed.

When your correspondent undertook to visit certain East Coast towns in the last few days he found scores of persons spending most of their time scanning the sea from beach or cliff. The apocalyptic habit is one of the commonest forms of diversion. Let a trawler appear on the horizon and instantly she is "picked up" by the glasses. All strangers are regarded with suspicion.

"Can you blame us?" asked one of the natives at Cromer. "This East Coast has been a hotbed of spies. It was spies who gave information to the Germans that resulted in their fleet appearing before Yarmouth."

Had it not been for the relocation of two buoys the day preceding the raid the Germans would have been able to place their shells in Yarmouth itself instead of near the beach.

The buoys had been moved two miles further seaward, and so there was some inconsistency in the report of the spies.

Two months ago the biggest hotel here was raided by the government and its manager taken as a spy suspect. It was disclosed later that the place was really being financed by the German spy system. It is on a bluff which makes it possible for a person in the tower of the hotel to observe vessels thirty miles at sea."

Another native at Cromer told of the removal to inland points of numerous families.

"They didn't want to take any chances," he said. "Personally, I

don't believe the Germans can land any more on our coast, but there are many who do believe it. At any rate, it was most comforting to see so many soldiers coming through here early in the week. There were fully 10,000 men passed through here for about a week."

The east coast landings present a weird appearance at night because of their darkness. Special constables are everywhere in evidence. During the day the streets are filled with soldiers. Trenches have been freely dug, as is evidenced by the number of trenches which have been dug to strengthen the east coast defenses, not to mention that used on the southern and western coasts."

No one is permitted to go near the trenches, nor to inspect the fortifications. Soldiers with bayonets stand guard at vulnerable points. Even in the regions where trenches are not dug much in evidence the same thoroughness of guarding is apparent.

The more pessimistic natives of the east coast have some blame for the Government for not removing from that coast in the first days of the war all Germans and Austrians, and while this has been attended to with thoroughness in late weeks. It is still felt that peril from spies is imminent."

There is much talk about possible German wireless plants in various parts of this region, and a thorough search was being made even to the upper ends of Scotland. Nor did the general distribution of notices offering rewards for the apprehension of secret petrol stores in Scotland have a reassuring effect on the timid.

able, which stands on the site of the Abbey of St. Hilda, founded in the seventh century, was partly destroyed. After bombarding the German cruisers drew off and disappeared.

A Leeds dispatch stated that several persons were killed in Scarborough by German shells and that a number of buildings were demolished. The German ships were in easy range of the gunners threw an accurate fire that covered a great part of the city.

According to this dispatch, the ships appeared off the coast at daybreak and opened a brisk fire. At first sounds of the cannonade persons began rushing from their houses in the belief that a naval battle was being fought.

INVASION RUMORS SPREAD.

There were four German cruisers in the squadron that bombarded Scarborough.

Chief interest how lay not in the amount of damage inflicted by the shells, but the fact that the Germans had left their naval base and come into the open sea to give battle to the British.

As soon as word reached the Admiralty that German men-of-war were off the north coast orders were dispatched to British flotillas to go and give battle to the Germans.

Fugitives arriving at Hull by train from Scarborough, just before noon, said that the German bombardment is still in progress and that heavy damage is being done to buildings and other property which caught fire.

Shells began dropping into the city, and many residents fled as some of the boldest ones sought the harbor side to watch the ships in action.

Three churches whose spires had evidently attracted the attention of the German gunners were soon demolished. Several shells fell into the plant of the municipal gas works, completely wrecking it.

As the shells began to rip through buildings and plough up the streets many persons were seized with panic and fled into the country lying west of the city to avoid the German projectiles.

The Admiralty commanded all the telephone-telegraph

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This is the outstanding feature of official information received from the northern sphere of hostilities.

The Belgian army was being hampered by the German forces operating around Ostend when French reinforcements arrived. The combined Franco-Belgian force then launched a series of violent attacks which caused the Germans to fall back and enabled the allies to occupy a line

a mile and a half long, reaching from Lombardy on the coast to St. Georges on the east of the Yser canal. The Germans are shelling the Franco-Belgian lines ferociously.

Paris also announces that the British warships have renewed their activities against the Germans on the Belgian coast, and have bombarded Weende, between Ostend and Nieuport, which is now held by the Kaiser's troops.

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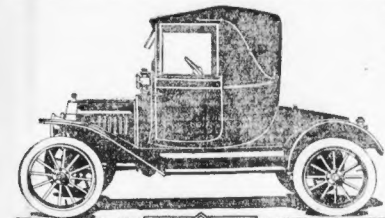
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By FRANCIS LAVELLE MURRAY, Staff Correspondent of the American.
PETERSBURG, Dec. 15.—Shipments of Japanese troops to fight side by side with the Russians against the Germans, according to reliable reports here, and it is understood that the offer has been accepted. Russian newspapers have been forbidden to publish the news, but a prominent Russian official practically confirmed it today, saying:
"I hear that the Mikado has addressed a letter to the Kaiser proposing that the Japanese army be granted the honor of fighting side by side with the German army in the common fight of civilization against the Hun."
The Emperor's reply was awaited with corresponding interest and was in the affirmative, it was informed. Tentative plans have been made for the participation of a very considerable number of Japanese soldiers in the active operations against Germany.
"Indeed, it is said that these forces are preparing to leave for Russia at once."

Prussian Losses Mount to 717,319

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 15.—The Sunday German casualty list contained only 2,444 additional names, bringing the total Prussian killed, wounded and missing to 717,319. In addition there are seventy-four German, 134 Russian and seventy-five German missing lists. The total Prussian and Russian casualties since the outbreak of the war are about 1,000,000. Actual and probable losses give an additional figure.

Czar Nicholas Has Left Battle Line

PETERSBURG, Dec. 15.—Official announcement to state that Emperor Nicholas, having refused his four of inspection of the Russian army fronts in the Caucasus, left that region December 15.
A communication from the staff of the army in the Caucasus, dated December 15, says that engagements of the Russian forces have been insignificant.

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GERMAN FLEET BOMBARDS BRITISH PORTS

Neither Hartlepool nor Scarborough is a fortified city, but large numbers of British troops have been stationed in their vicinity as well as at other points along the eastern coast of England and Scotland since the German force became a possibility.
Both are populous centres and have extensive commercial trade. Scarborough is a well-known resort, being known as the "queen of watering places."
The city is built upon a series of terraces, rising one above the other in a crescent from beneath. This gives a decided advantage to any hostile fleet attacking the city.
Many refugees arrived at Durham from the morning from Hartlepool, having fled from the German bombardment. One of them said:
"Most of the city were at breakfast when suddenly there was a sound of heavy firing at sea. We thought at first that British torpedo boat destroyers were firing at a raiding German submarine. The firing was so close to the harbor front that many persons started for the seaside to see what was happening."
Almost immediately shells began falling in the central part of the city. Houses were struck by projectiles, sending upward great clouds of dust and smoke while the wreckage tumbled into the streets.

FIRES BREAK OUT IN SCARBOROUGH.
"We did not feel any fear of Germans landing forces even after we learned that they had assembled ships off the port, for the city had been heavily garrisoned since the war broke out."
Small fires broke out in several quarters. We could see smoke over the district where a number of potatoes are stored and situated that one of the buildings was burning. Shells also dropped in the ship building yards, setting fire to some piles of timber.
"Many persons were seized with panic and started to run toward the railway station or toward the roads leading to the countryside west of the city. A few carried household articles, others left all behind."
Hartlepool lies in Durham, between 220 and 225 miles north of London, just north of the mouth of the River Tyne. Scarborough lies in Yorkshire, about forty-five miles down the coast in a southeastern direction from Hartlepool.
The point of attack lies approximately 400 miles from the Kiel Canal where the German fleet was concentrated at the outbreak of the war. It was necessary for the German ships to steam clear across the North Sea, passing through mine fields and evading the powerful British patrol fleets stationed all the way down the east coast of England.
The German attack upon the coast of northern England is the boldest yet attempted by the Germans. The German naval men showed exceptional seamanship in getting by the guardian British fleet, a feat which the fleets of Napoleon were unable to accomplish.

Wires, leading out of Hartlepool and Scarborough as quickly as possible, cutting off both cities from the outside world.
HARBOR FULL OF SHIPPING.
Fugitives who fled along the tracks of the Northeastern railway to Seamer, a few miles southwest of Hartlepool, gave details of the bombardment, which were telegraphed from that point.
Both harbors were crowded with merchant shipping at the time when the Germans began to shell.
A dispatch from York says that the residents of Scarborough were thrown into panic by the bombardment, hundreds of them rushing into the railway station, where they crowded about trains just leaving for Hull and other cities.
This telegram said that the cannonade began at 7:56 o'clock. The morning was hazy, but despite the fog the German gunners had no difficulty in locating the ranges.
The rumor went around that the Germans were going to land troops, which increased the terror of the fugitives. Some of the residents grabbed guns and ran toward the water front to be ready to repel any invaders.
One of the refugees at Hull gave the following account of the cannonading:
"More than fifty shells had fallen in Scarborough up to the time I left, and part of the city was burning when our train pulled out of the station. Many of the German projectiles fell in the vicinity of the railway station, where great crowds of people had gathered to board departing trains. Some fell upon the roofs of houses and hotels, which caught fire. As the persons fled through the streets shells burst above their heads. One woman was killed by the shock of an exploding shell, which burst high in the air above her."
"We could see great volumes of smoke, which completely hid part of the city."
An engine driver employed by the Northeastern Railway telegraphed to his wife from Scarborough:
"Shells are falling thickly around me, but all right."
This man had stuck to his post to haul terror-stricken refugees out of the danger zone.
CHURCH STRUCK BY SHELLS.
A dispatch in the London Daily Mail from Hull says that one of the first German shells fell against Scarborough struck St. Martin's Church, tearing a great hole in the edifice. Another church was struck and damaged.
Soon after the cannonade began the streets were filled with women and children who had fled from their homes in their night clothing. The roofs of a number of houses were carried away by projectiles.

THINKS U. S. MAY ARRANGE PEACE

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The possibility of the United States signing peace for Germany on the conclusion of the war is foreshadowed by M. H. D'Amiel, a noted economist, to a correspondent.
"We shall refuse to treat with the Kaiser or any of the Hohenzollerns," he writes, "after their recent breach of treaty obligations. But Germany will have no ally in the end of a great material power to arrange terms of peace for her and guarantee their fulfillment."
M. H. D'Amiel calculated that it will cost France \$2,000,000,000 to regain Alsace-Lorraine, irrespective of her war indemnity.
Assuming operations last only until the end of March next, he estimates the allies' war expenditures at \$2,000,000,000 and Germany's at \$2,000,000,000. These figures cannot include the enormous property damage and business losses.
According to D'Amiel, France's minimum claim at the peace conference will be the return of Alsace-Lorraine, annihilation of the German Empire and an indemnity of \$1,000,000,000 (the restitution of indemnities paid to Germany in 1871). "We shall always regard the Franco-German alliance as a most beneficial arrangement," he declared, "but in the event of a war after the war and France will be freed of her obligations under it."

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LONDON BELIEVES DEWEET EXECUTED
By JOHN C. FOSTER.
Staff correspondent of the American.
LONDON, Dec. 15.—By mail to New York, Dec. 15.—Belief is expressed here that General Christian Dewet, leader of the rebellious Boers, has been secretly tried by court-martial and executed.
In this connection a story is being told that King George was asked by a member of the royal family just after the South African rebellion broke out, what would happen to Dewet if captured. The King is said to have replied:
"They will shoot the wretch when they catch him."

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Dean Davies Gives Tea.
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HUGH JENNINGS MAY TAKE OVER MANAGEMENT OF NEW YORK YANKEES

MATTHEWS IN MAJOR MANAGE WARKEES

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Christy Matthews as manager of the New York Yankees in 1915 is not beyond the realm of probability if Messrs. Ruppert and Huston purchase the club. This tip was furnished by a man high in the councils of organized baseball and one whose advice is esteemed by both parties to the negotiations now pending.

"I do not know," said this informant, "what new angle may have been taken to bring about the sale of Hugh Jennings but I do know that he is the best manager in the country. Most favorably, by the prospective purchasers. More than that, I am not at liberty to say."

Manager John J. McGraw of the Giants, who has been in very close touch with Messrs. Ruppert and Huston throughout their dealings, would not commit himself upon the possibility of Mr. Jennings coming over to his rival in this city.

"I would not say," said McGraw, "that I am prepared to say that I would like to see Mr. Jennings made manager of the Yankees. He was made Matthews in the way of the advancement of any of my players."

Matthews assumes the air of innocence when questioned. There is no more loyal player in the National League nor one more patriotic to the city of New York than Matthews would have himself no doubt of the opportunity of promotion to the managerial rank under conditions that would not call for the severance of the friendship he has established during his wonderful career as the world's most formidable pitcher. According to that gossip which links Matthews with a contract for the management of the local Yankees, it would be a comparatively easy matter to arrange a trade between the two New York clubs advantageous to both sides. It is a matter which McGraw, who has been in the past of organized baseball and the clubhouse, would welcome an opportunity of returning to the city as a manager. McGraw is a year in his present position, and his youth, his power, even though still in the prime of his career, would be a great asset to the Yankees. Matthews, on the other hand, would be a great asset to the Yankees. Matthews, on the other hand, would be a great asset to the Yankees.

LEONARD ED ALL MAJOR PITCHERS

By A. H. C. MITCHELL.

Now that the official averages of the big league have been published, it is time to call attention to the fact that in Hubert ("Dutch") Leonard the Red Sox have a pitcher that overtopped them all in the efficiency of his work during the season of 1914.

On the figures published, Leonard leads the pitchers in both leagues. Figures count for something when applied to a pitcher. A pitcher who has the best fielding average of the short pitchers in the league, but when his record is analyzed it is found that he covers little ground, that his throw is slow, that he plays the ball in a way that is not compared with other pitchers who are in the league.

But with pitchers being in the field, there is a lot to be learned from Leonard's work last season. We will say no more about his record, but we will say that he was a great pitcher. He was a great pitcher. He was a great pitcher.

School Notes

THE REVEREND JOHN HUGHES, D.D., of the University of Notre Dame, will be in the city for the first time in many years. He will be in the city for the first time in many years. He will be in the city for the first time in many years.

Goullet-Hill Lead Field in 6-Day Race

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 14.—Seven teams were tied for first place at the end of the second day of the six-day bicycle race here. At the end of the six-day bicycle race here.

BASEBALL NOTES.

CONNIE MACK FIGURES THE RED SOX must be the team to watch in the coming year. He figures the Red Sox must be the team to watch in the coming year. He figures the Red Sox must be the team to watch in the coming year.

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GIRLS IN TITLE SWIMMING MEET

Girls will be among the competitors in the New England A. U. indoor swimming championships to be held at the Ocean Park baths, here.

Hub Golf Clubs Not After Title Tourneys

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Several golf clubs have sent in applications for the privilege of having one or more of the three national championships events of the 1915 season played over their courses.

CITY ROWERS IN SECOND ROUND

THE City League rowers begin the second round of their campaign today in the annual regatta.

Hard Schedule for Cornell's Wrestlers

ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 14.—The Athletic Association made public the schedule of the Cornell wrestling team for the coming season.

If you own an automobile that you wish you didn't, a Boston American Want Ad will bring buyers at a brisk pace.

Kevin Introduces New Boxing Bill

Eddie Kevin, through Senator Bailey, has again introduced his boxing bill in the State Legislature.

McAleer Through with Baseball

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 14.—The Cleveland Indians have announced that they have signed McAleer to a contract for the coming season.

Longwood Club to Honor R. N. Williams

R. Norris Williams, 24, national singles tennis champion, will be honored by the Longwood Cricket Club at a dinner given for him at the club house.

50 Survive Cut in Harvard Ice Squad

The eliminating process in the Harvard hockey squad is in progress, and it is expected that only 50 players will remain by the end of the season.

Cooley Outboxes 'Gunboat' Smith

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Clayton Cooley won a ten-round bout with Gunboat Smith at Madison Square Garden, last night.

HOCKEY NOTES AND GOSSIP

THE DARTMOUTH HOCKEY TEAM will play its first game of the season at the New England Hockey Club on Saturday night.

'Germany' Schaefer Given His Release

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Herman Schaefer, who has been in custody since his arrest on charges of espionage, has been given his release.

Two Specials for Riverside Tourney

Two attractive special boats have been arranged for the Riverside regatta, which will be held at the Riverside regatta grounds.

Coffey Prefers Feds to Pittsburgh Team

DEMME, Col., Dec. 14.—Jimmie Coffey, former Pittsburgh star and slugging champion, has been signed by the Federal League team.

Harvard to Elect a Soccer Leader Today

Harvard will elect a soccer captain for 1915 this afternoon at the annual meeting of the Harvard Soccer Club.

ADAMS SQUARE-CARRUTH BATTLE FOR SECOND PLACE IN CITY BOWLING LEAGUE

'\$30,000' OFFER TO MARANVILLE

The Federal League is offering for Maranville, the best pitcher of the league, a contract of \$30,000 for the coming season.

COSSACK STAR TO SHOW HERE AGAIN

Michael, the big Cossack wrestler, will be seen again in action here on Christmas night at the Metropolitan Theatre.

Worcester Tech Nine Announces Schedule

WORCESTER, Dec. 14.—The schedule for the Worcester Technical High School basketball team has been announced.

Crimson Hockeyists Give Up Xmas Trip

Harvard's hockey team will not make its usual Christmas trip to the Adirondack Park, but will stay in the city.

53 Players Now on the Giants' Roster

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—In spite of the season of the National League, the New York Giants have 53 players on their roster.

Crack Boston Team for Big Title Meet

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Amateur athletes from many sections of the country will compete in the annual Boston City League championship.

Phillies Give 4 Men for Shortstop Wonder

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.—The Philadelphia Phillies have given up four players to the Boston Red Sox for a shortstop.

Nebraska Jackies to Compete at Y. M. C. A.

The Saturday Night and Basketball teams of the Nebraska Y. M. C. A. will compete in the annual championship.

Johnny Evers Out of Danger, Doctors Say

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Although Johnny Evers is still in the hospital, doctors say he is out of danger.

Harvard Will Get St. Mark's Stars

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—St. Mark's College will contribute one of its players to the Harvard team for the annual championship.

Local Yacht Clubs Vote to Amalgamate

The Intervarsity Yacht Racing Association and the Yacht Racing Association of the city have voted to amalgamate.

Hoosiers Assess Park

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 14.—A board of assessors is now assessing the value of the new baseball park in Indianapolis.

Bearie Meets Goodwin

In a game between the two players, Bearie and Goodwin, the latter was victorious.

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The President's \$50,000,000 a Year Gift to the Railroads

There is no longer any reasonable doubt that the Interstate Commerce Commission has decided to permit the railroads the 5 per cent. increase in freight rates for which they have been arguing and lobbying for eighteen months past.

Business being notoriously depressed, the commission proposes to stimulate it by charging business men—doing business with Eastern railroads alone—about \$50,000,000 a year more on their freight bills.

Times being hard, the sapient commissioners hope to improve them by taking \$50,000,000 out of the pockets of producers and consumers and putting it into the treasuries of the railroads—with no discrimination against railroads wrecked by criminal directors like the New Haven and the Rock Island.

As the railroads complain bitterly of a lack of traffic, and prove their case by counting their empty cars, the commission sagaciously seeks to increase the traffic by increasing their charges.

It is as though a bankrupt with a stock of unsalable goods should think to get rid of it by advertising in big type "GREATLY INCREASED PRICES BY ORDER OF THE COURT."

The determination of the Interstate Commerce Commission is not only economically unwise—it is politically scandalous.

In May, 1913, an application for this increase was made by the railroads and denied. After a supplementary investigation, beginning one month later and extending over a year, another unfavorable opinion was rendered—virtually a denial. September 19 a rehearing was ordered, and today the commission stands ready to reverse itself.

Why this change of front? An administration organ informs us that:

"President Wilson has in the meantime publicly and privately intimated his belief that the railroads should be allowed to raise their rates."

From the same source it is learned that former Commissioner Lane "has been in the company of members of the commission on a number of occasions lately," and has advised them to make these increases now, though he was part of the commission that refused them two years ago.

This spectacle of the President and a member of his Cabinet lobbying for the railroads is not a pleasing one. NO TAMMANY DEAL WITH MANAGERS OF PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS IN NEW YORK WAS EVER MORE DISCREDITABLE.

Possessing more than ordinary intelligence, President Wilson must understand that prosperity cannot be advanced by legislating money out of the pockets of one class of citizens and into those of another.

To increase freight rates is a burden on producers and shipper. TRANSPORTATION IS ESSENTIAL TO BUSINESS. THE CHEAPER IT IS THE BETTER FOR BUSINESS. To arbitrarily raise its cost is an imposition and an added burden upon business. It necessarily increases the price of our products and places us at a disadvantage in competition with foreign nations. This new burden American business must sustain; this imposition it must suffer; under this disadvantage it must labor in meeting foreign competition.

And all because a President, whose record and mental attitude have long suggested that he is best equipped for a railroad president, has coerced or cajoled the Interstate Commerce Commission into granting the railroads all they demand!

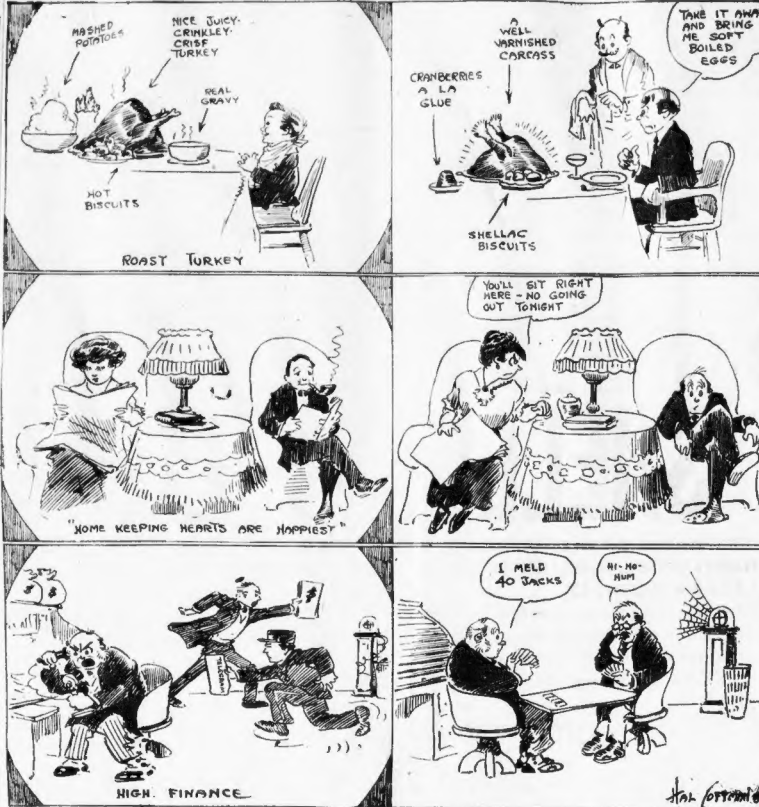
The Interstate Commerce Commission is supposed to be independent of political dictation. Its members are theoretically equipped to determine judicially, without taint of influence, the problems presented to them. But if they are servile to the dominant political power, as Congress is servile, and as are department heads, what is the commission but a mere rubber stamp?

Since we are to have regulation accomplished by the mandate of one man, whose prepossessions are for the railroads in every case, why not have the government ownership and manage the roads outright? The power of the President would not in that case be any greater than it is today, but, at least, there would be no selfish, corrupt private railroad interests working for their own ends through their influence over the man holding that power.

"Give a Basket" and Help the AMERICAN'S Christmas Fund

How the money is rolling in for the AMERICAN'S "Give a Basket" Christmas Fund! But every cent is needed, for every mail brings scores of pathetic appeals for Christmas baskets from poor families of Greater Boston. Every cent given goes into the baskets—all expenses of distribution are borne by the AMERICAN.

All checks or contributions should be sent to the Christmas Fund Editor, Boston American, No. 56-58 Summer Street. Checks should be made payable to the Boston American. All contributions will be acknowledged in the AMERICAN. Contributions of clothing, books, toys and baskets or contributions of food should be sent to the Christmas Basket Department, Boston American, No. 5 Winter Square, Boston.



More Truth Than Poetry

By JAMES J. MONTAGUE

Moral Force

Which the President Proposes as a substitute for national defenses.



WHEN Kelly was informed that Burke was hunting for a rock. Expressing the desire, the while, to knock off Kelly's back. He said: "I have no fear of Burke, he means no ill, of course. But I shall overcome him with a little moral force." Now Kelly is reposing on a tidy little bed. With forty-seven stitches neatly taken in his head.

WHEN Judson saw a burglar sneaking up across the lawn. Along about that darkest hour that just precedes the dawn. He did not telephone the cops, or even find his gun. "By using moral force," he said, "I'll have him on the run." Now Judson has a two-inch scar just beneath his hair. But he has neither jewelry, nor cash, nor silverware.

WHEN Grigby saw the house next door burst into flames one night. He did not run to take the hose, as one would think he might. "If my own house takes fire," he said, "I've not the slightest doubt that just a little moral force will quickly put it out." Now Grigby's living is in a tent, where once his mansion stood. Which seems to prove that moral force is really not much good!



Crowding Iron Crosses for the Record
Soon the whole map of Europe will be strewn with shattered iron rings.

The Craze for Neutrality
The British and French have hurried from the trenches caricatures of the Kaiser and the Crown Prince, probably on the theory that they ought not to do anything to offend the Germans except to kill as many of them as possible.

Splendid, Watson, You're Getting On
The increasing number of guns in the vicinity of Ypres and the arrival at Bruges of transports bearing wounded men lead to the conclusion in London that a great degree of activity has prevailed in West Flanders—Dispatch.

What masters of deduction those Londoners are getting to be!
It's Always the Way
Canadian Slugs for Britain. We'll back the bird that has the best press agent.

The Unseen Universe

By EDGAR LUCIEN LARKIN

A VERY notable contribution to the science of radiant energy, radio-activity, ultra-triolet-light radiation and short photographic rays streaming from suns and all light-emitting objects in cosmic space, has just been given to the great world of science by Professor E. E. Barnard, of the Yerkes Observatory, Lake Geneva, Wis.

The discovery by photography of two distinct tails or streamers to Delavan's comet is the cause of the publication of the Yerkes Observatory circular to all observatories. But only one is visible even in the largest and most powerful telescopes. The two streamers are inclined to each other at an angle of 30 degrees.

But in the negative on the highly sensitive photographic plate the tail that is invisible to the eye is visible to the silver-bromide molecules on the glass plate. The waves that affected the minute molecules and arranged them into an image of the streamer on the plate are far too short to energize the nerve molecules in the delicate fibres of the retina of the eye.

The fact that this streamer is visible on the plate and not to the eye is a brilliant confirmation of all of Professor Barnard's previous work. Langley's elaborate twenty-two years' research in ultra-violet and infra-red regions of spectra of our sun and all other stars able to send light enough into the slit of the most modern tele-spectroscope of analysis.

And Barnard's photograph proves every minute detail of complex discoveries in this most fascinating realm of nature since Langley blazed the modern way and marked out fields of research that are now taxing the ablest living

Young Girls and Drink Should Keep Separated

The Clinking of Liquor Glasses Invariably
Leads to a Reputation for Being Fast

By DOROTHY DIX

A YOUNG girl wants to know if it is proper for her to drink cocktails and wine when she goes out to dinner or lunch with a man friend.

To this question I most emphatically answer, "No." A single glass of wine or one cocktail or a mug of beer may do her no harm if she is innocent enough, and do no harm if partaken of in the privacy and shelter of her own home, but no young girl can drink alcoholic liquors in public places without making herself a target for invidious comment.

Though a girl be as chaste as ice, and as pure as snow, and as sober as the town pump, she will inevitably get the reputation of being fast if she is observed clinking glasses across a restaurant table.

Suspicion Always There

Justly or unjustly, suspicion and doubt always hover about the girl who orders anything stronger to drink than tea, and even as Cicero dissolved her priceless pearl in a cup of wine, and quaffed it down, so has many a young woman dropped her good name in her cocktail glass.

There is only one rule of conduct for girls, and that is to avoid the appearance of evil. It isn't enough for a girl just to be good. She's got to look good, and that is why she cannot permit herself to be seen drinking wine in public. Girls are emotional creatures, and just the excitement of having champagne at a restaurant, the thrill of the gay scene, the excitement of people coming and going, the lift of the music get into their blood and bring a flush to their cheeks, a sparkle to their eyes, and key their voices up to a higher note.

How easy for the casual observer to fancy that such a girl is intoxicated if he sees an array of wine glasses at her plate, or has observed her drinking a cocktail. Yet the girl may have had only a sip of wine, and be drunk only on her own high spirits.

Men Urge, Then Condemn

Men are never fair to women about the drink question, for the very man who will urge a girl to be a sport, and have a cocktail or another glass of wine, is the very first to condemn her for doing so. More than that, the standard by which every man judges a girl whether she drinks or not.

When a man wants to express his conviction that a woman is, like Caesar's wife, above suspicion, he invariably says, "She's as straight as a die. She never touches a drop of anything to drink." There's no evil he believes of the woman who doesn't drink, and there's no evil he doesn't believe of a woman who does drink. And in this opinion he is justified, for drink is responsible for the first downward step of practically every girl who leaves the straight and narrow path.

Wine Is Aid of Tempter

Wine that inflames the passions and paralyzes the judgment makes the way easy for the tempter. Don't drink in public, girls. The right sort of a man will respect you for refusing to do so, and you are lucky to lose the attentions of the wrong sort of one. No man wants a cocktail-drinking girl for a wife.

WAR SONNETS

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox

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WAR is destructive, wasteful, brutal, yet the energies of men are brought to play. And hidden valor by occasion met. Leaps to the light, as precious jewels may. When earthquakes rend the rock. The stress and strain Of war stir men to do their worst and best. Heroes are forged on anvils hot with pain. And splendid courage comes but with the test. Some natures ripe and some virtues bloom Only in blood-red soil; some souls prove great Only in moments dark with death or doom. This is the sad historic jest which fate Flings to the world, recurring time on time. Many must fall that one may seem sublime.

Above the chaos of impending ill, Through all the clamor of insistent strife, Now while the noise of warring nations fills Each throbbing hour with menaces to life, I hear the voice of Progress! Strange indeed The shadowed pathways that lead up to light. But as a runner sometimes will recede That he may so accumulate his might, Then with a will that needs must be obeyed Rushes resolutely to the goal with ease, So the whole world seems now to retrograde, Slips back to war, that it may speed to peace. And in that backward step it gathers force For the triumphant finish of its course.

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